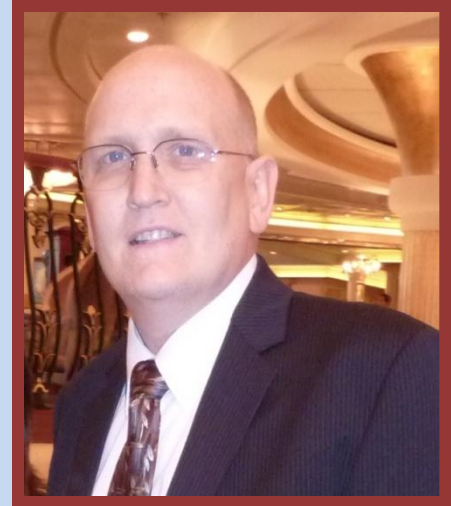


## Laparoscopic Treatment of Stomach Outlet Obstruction

Having been fighting prostate cancer since 2005, the last thing I needed was more problems. In the fall of 2010, I started to have a bad taste in my mouth as well as foul belching. These two symptoms were very strange to me and I had never experienced anything similar. I knew something was wrong and thought I would make an appointment with a local Gastroenterologist. An upper GI was ordered which showed I was retaining food. Subsequent tests indicated that I had blockage in the duodenum. This blockage was unusual and most likely caused by radiation treatments I had undergone to address prostate cancer two years earlier.



The Gastroenterologist referred me to a surgeon who recommended I have a gastrojejunostomy. The doctor's approach to this type of open surgery would require a significant recovery time. Having been heavily involved in researching treatments for my prostate cancer, I knew I should obtain a second opinion(s). My second opinion was at a renowned Chicago hospital. The surgeon there suggested a different type of procedure which also would require a significant amount of recuperation time. Based on the two very different types of procedures being recommended, I knew I needed to seek a third opinion. While doing my research, I had run across a local private surgeon's website that I was impressed with. The doctor had extensive experience in a wide variety of abdominal surgeries, so I knew my third opinion would be with him.

When I met Dr. Frantzides for the first time, I realized he had the skills that would ultimately make my decision easy. While he gave a third way to resolve my blockage, he thoroughly explained why his technique was best and why the previous two opinions might not be beneficial. Of most interest to me was that he was confident that he could do the procedure laparoscopically. This would significantly reduce my hospital stay and reduce overall recovery time. After much thought, I decided that Dr. Frantzides offered me the best solution to my problem.

As planned, my surgery was performed laparoscopically and without any complications. I was out of the hospital the following day. This short stay was amazing compared to what the first two surgeons had suggested it would take. After being released from the hospital, I was back to work the following day and the previous symptoms of retaining food and belching were completely gone. In the months since, I have enjoyed eating what I wish without any thought of the problems in the past. The scars from the surgery are small and insignificant. Thank you Dr. Frantzides!

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